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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	Chinese Office Action along with English Translation

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